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An Ordinance and Declaration of the Lords and Commons in Parliament.

WHereas the King ſeduced by wicked Counſell hath rayſed an Army, and levyed War againſt the Parliament, and great number of Forces are daily raiſed under the commands of Papiſts and other ill-affected perſons, by Commiſſions from his Majeſty; And whereas divers Delinquents are protected from publike Juſtice by his Majeſties Army, and ſundry outrages and rapines are daily committed by the Souldiers of the ſaid Army, who have no reſpect to the Lawes of God or the Land, but burne and plunder the Houſes, and ſeize and deſtroy the perſons and goods of divers His Majeſties good Subjects; And whereas for the maintenance of the ſaid Army divers aſſeſſements are made upon ſeverall Counties, and His Majeſties Subjects are compelled by the ſouldiers to pay the ſame; which ſaid army if it ſhould continue, would ſoone ruine and waſte the whole Kingdome, and overthrow Religion, Law, and Liberty. For ſuppreſſing of which ſaid army and ill-affected perſons there is no probable way under God, but by the army rayſed by authority of the Parliament; which ſaid army ſo rayſed cannot be maintained without great ſummes of Money, yet for rayſing ſuch ſummes by reaſon of his Majeſties withdrawing himſelfe from the advice of the Parliament, there can be no *Act* of Parliament paſſed with his Majeſties aſſent, albeit there is great Juſtice that the ſaid Monies ſhould be rayſed: The Lords and Commons in Parliament, having taken the ſame into their ſerious conſideration, and knowing that the ſaid army ſo rayſed by them, hath beene hitherto for the moſt part maintained by the voluntary contribution of divers well affected perſons, who have freely contributed according to their abilities,

But conſidering there are divers others within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Suburbes of the ſame, and alſo within the Borough of *Southwarke*, that have not contributed at all towards the maintenance of the ſaid army, or if they have, yet not anſwerable to their Eſtates, who notwithſtanding receive benefit and protection

by the ſame army as well as any others, and therefore its moſt juſt that they ſhould as well as others be charged to contribute to the maintenance thereof.

Be it therefore Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, and by authority thereof; That *Iſaac Pennington* Lord Maior of the City of *London*, Sir *John Wollaſton* Knight and Alderman, Alderman *Towes*, Alderman *Warner*, Alderman *Andrewes*, Alderman *Chambers*, Alderman *Fowkes*, Sir *Thomas Soham* Knight and Alderman, *Samuel Vaſſell*, *John Venn*, *Morris Thompſon*, and *Richard Wartin*, Citizens, or any foure of them, ſhall hereby have power and authority to nominate, and appoynt in every Ward within the City of *London*, ſix ſuch perſons as they, or any foure of them, ſhall thinke fit, which ſaid ſix ſo nominated, or any foure of them, ſhall hereby have power to enquire of any that ſhall remaine, or be within the ſaid ſeverall Wards that have not contributed upon the Propoſitions of both Houſes of Parliament, concerning the rayſing of Money, Place, Horſe, Horſemen, and armes, for defence of the King and both Houſes of Parliament, and alſo of ſuch as are able men, that have contributed, yet not according to their Eſtates & abilities. And the ſaid ſix perſons ſo nominated or any four of them within their ſeverall and reſpective wards and limits, ſhall have power to aſſeſſe ſuch perſon or perſons, as are of ability and have not contributed, and alſo ſuch as have contributed, yet not according to their ability, to pay ſuch ſum or ſums of Money according to their Eſtates, as the ſaid Aſſeſſors or any foure of them ſhall think fit and reaſonable, ſo as the ſame exceed not the twentieth part of their Eſtates, and to nominat e and appoint fit perſons for the collection thereof. And if any perſon ſo aſſeſſed ſhall refuſe to pay the money aſſeſſed upon him, it ſhall be lawfull to and for the ſaid Aſſeſſors and Collectors, or any of them to leavy the ſaid ſum ſo aſſeſſed by way of diſtreſſe and ſale of the goods of the perſon ſo aſſeſſed, and refuſing; And if any perſon ſo diſtrained ſhall make reſiſtance, It ſhall be lawfull to and for the reſpective Aſſeſſors and Collectors or any of them, to call to their aſſiſtance any the Trained bands of the ſaid City of *London*, or any other his Majeſties Subjects, who are hereby required to be ayding & aſſiſting to the ſaid Aſſeſſors and Collectors in the premiſes; And it is hereby further ordained, that the reſpective Burgeſſes

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of *Weſtminſter* and *Southwark*, together with the ſeverall Committees appointed for the ſubſcriptions of Money, Plate, Horſe, Horſe-men and armes within the ſaid City and Borough ſhall reſpectively have power hereby to nominate Seſſors for the ſame City and Borough, in ſuch manner as the Lord Major, &c. hath for the City of *London*, and the ſaid Aſſeſſors or any foure of them to name Collectors as aforeſaid; Which ſaid Aſſeſſors and Collectors ſhall have the ſame power reſpectively within their reſpective limits, as thoſe to be nominated within the ſaid City of *London* have hereby limitted to them. And for the Suburbs of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, the reſpective Knights of the Shires where the ſaid Suburbs are ſhall have hereby the like power to name Aſſeſſors, and they ſo named, or any foure of them, and the Collectors by them to be nominated, or any of them within their reſpective limits, ſhall have the like power reſpectively as the Aſſeſſors and Collectors for *London* have by vertue of this Ordinance. And be it ordained that the ſums ſo aſſeſſed and levied as aforeſaid ſhall be paid in at Guild-Hall *London*, to the hands of Sr *John Wollaſtone*, Knight, *John Warner*, *John Towes*, and *Thomas Andrews* Aldermen, or any two of them; And the Aſſeſſors and Collectors to be nominated by vertue hereof ſhall weekely report to the Committe of the Houſe of Commons, for the propoſitions aforeſaid, what ſums of money have bin aſſeſſed, and what ſums have bin levied weekely according to the purport hereof. And the ſaid monies ſo levied and paid in ſhall be iſſued forth in ſuch ſort as the other monies raiſed upon the propoſitions aforeſaid, and not otherwiſe.

Die Martis, 29. Novemb. 1642.

WHereas a late Ordinance is paſſed by both Houſes of Parliament, for the Reaſons therein declared, for the aſſeſſing of all ſuch perſons within the Cities of *London* and *weſtminſter*, and the Suburbes thereof, with the Burrough of *Southwark*, as have not contributed upon the Propoſitions of both Houſes of Parliament, for rayſing of Money, Plate, Horſe, Horſemen, and Armes, for defence of the King, Parliament, and Kingdome, or have not contributed proportionably to their eſtates and abilities. And whereas it is thought fit that ſome additions be made for further explanation and

better execution of the ſaid Ordinance: Be it further Ordained and declared by the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, that ſuch perſons as ſhall be aſſeſſed by the reſpective Aſſeſſors in the ſaid Ordinance appoynted, and ſhall within ſix dayes next after notice given to them, or left at their ſeverall houſes within the ſaid Cities, Suburbes, or Burrough, pay in the one moity of the ſaid ſums of Money ſo aſſeſſed, and within twelve dayes after the ſaid notice given as aforeſaid, the other moity thereof, unto the Treaſurers of Money and Plate in *Guild-Hall London*, or unto the Collectors appoynted by the ſaid Ordinance, reſpectively to receive the ſame, that then the ſaid Treaſurers, or Collectors, ſhall give Acquittances for the ſame, as hath beene done to ſuch who have lent Monies or Plate, upon the Propoſitions of both Houſes as aforeſaid. And the ſaid Monies ſo payd to the ſaid Treaſurers, or to the ſaid ſeverall Collectors, ſhall be repayd upon the Publike Faith, as al other Monies lent upon the ſaid Propoſitions of both Houſes. And as for thoſe who ſhall ſo far diſcover their diſaffection, as not to bring in the ſeverall ſums of Money ſo aſſeſſed upon them to the perſons before appoynted, within the time limited, that then their goods ſhall be diſtrained and ſold according to the ſaid Ordinance. And if no ſufficient Diſtreſſe be found, that then the ſaid Collectors ſhall reſpectively have power to enquire of any ſumme or ſummes of Money due, or to be due unto them reſpectively ſo aſſeſſed from any perſon or perſons for any Rents, Tithes, Goods, or Debts, or for any other thing or cauſe whatſoever. And the ſaid reſpective Collectors ſhall have power by vertue of this Ordinance, to receive all or any part of the ſaid ſummes due, or to be due unto them or any of them ſo aſſeſſed, untill the full value of the ſumme or ſummes ſo aſſeſſed, and the charges in levying and recovering of the ſame ſhall be received and ſatisfied. And the ſaid reſpective Collectors ſhall have further power to compound for any of the ſaid Rents, Tithes, Goods, or Debts, due unto the ſaid perſons ſo aſſeſſed reſpectively as aforeſaid, with any perſon or perſons by whom the ſaid Rents, Tithes, Goods, or Debts, are, or ſhall be owing, as alſo to give full and ample diſcharge for the Money by them ſo received, upon compoſition or otherwiſe, which diſcharges ſhall be good and effectuall to all intents and purpoſes. And if the ſumme or ſummes of Money ſo aſſeſſed cannot be levyed by any of theſe meanes or

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wayes, then the persons so respectively assessed, shall be imprisoned in such places of this Kingdome, and for so long time as the Committee of the House of Commons for Examinations, shall appoynt and order: And the families of all such persons so imprisoned, shall no longer remaine within the Cities of *London*, and *Westminster*, the Suburbes and the Counties adjacent.

And be it further Ordained, that all and every the Assessors and Collectors of the said severall summes, shall have the protection of both Houses of Parliament, for their indemnity in this service, and receive such reasonable allowances for their paines taken and charges disbursed, or to be disbursed therein, as the Committee of Lords and Commons for advance of Money and other necessaries for the Army, raysed by the Parliament, shall apportion and appoynt.

An Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament, for the better Provision of Victuals, and other Necessaries for the Army, and for payment and satisfaction to bee made for such provisions.

Die Martis, 29 Novemb. 1642.

IT is Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That Committees shall be named in all Counties, to take Care for Provisions of Victuals for the Army raysed by the Parliament, as likewise for the taking up of Horses for service in the Field, Dragooners, and Draught-Horses, as likewise for borrowing of Money or Plate to supply the Army. Which Committees, or any two or more of them, shall have power and authoritie to value all kind of Provisions both for Men and Horse, all kind of Horse for service, or otherwise, which shall be voluntarily offered to be lent upon the Publike Faith, or likewise to receive any Money or Plate to be lent as before; and that upon Certificate of any two of such Committees, the same Provisions of Horses, Money, and Plate, and the value thereof shall be entred by the Treasurer of the Propositions, and shall be repayed to the party from whom the same was received, with like Consideration as other Money lent.

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And in case the Owners of such Provisions, Money, Plate, and Horses, shall refuse or neglect to bring in the same upon publike Faith, for the use of the Army, for the better preventing the spoyle and embezeling of such Provisions of Money, Plate, and Horses, by the disorder of the Souldiers, and that they may not come into the hands of the Enemies: It is further Ordered, that the Committees afore-mentioned, or any two of them, be hereby authorized and enabled to send for such Provisions, Money, Plate, and Horses, and take the same into their Custodie and to set an indifferent Value and Rate upon them: Which Value they shall certifie to the Treasurers for the Propositions, to be repayd at such time, and in such manner, as shall be Ordered by both Houses of Parliament. It is likewise Ordered, That the said Committees of the severall and respective Counties shall meet and consult with the Committees of the adjacent and neighbour Counties, unto the place or places where the said Army or any part thereof shall passe and remaine, concerning the Receiving, Procuring, Valuing, and Disposing of such Provisions, Horses, Money, and Plate. And if they cannot conveniently meet, that then it shall be lawfull for any two, or more of the Committee, to execute the severall Services above mentioned in the adjoyning Counties, as well as in the Countie wherein hee is named a Committee; and that such Certificates as they shall make of any Provisions, Horses, Money, or Plate, shallbe as effectuall for the Securities of the Parties, as if the same were received and taken within the Countie for which hee or they are named Committees. And the said Committees, or any two, or more of them, shall cause the said Provisions to be delivered to the Commissarie for the Victuals, or to his Deputie, and such other Officers of the Army, who may be charged with the same upon their Accompt, and shall certifie the Treasurer of the Army, or his Deputie, that so Defalcation of the Value thereof may be made out of the Pay of such Officers and Souldiers as shall receive the same. And the said Committee shall likewise cause all such Money and Plate to be delivered unto the Treasurer of the Armie, or his Deputie, who shall take Care to convey the Plate unto the Treasurer for the Propositions, and shall be charged with all such Money upon his Accompt as with other Money received from them.

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